



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
December 18, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on December 18, 2012.

CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MAYOR HANSEN
VICE MAYOR NOLL
COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSENT: NONE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Hansen asked for a moment of silence for those suffering after the shooting in Connecticut.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hansen led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THIS AGENDA

Maria Harris, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the filing of the Taxpayers Right to Know and Vote petition filed yesterday with the City Clerk, and read a letter (available in the City Clerk's office).

Lisa Gary, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the proposed electronic sign on the corner of Cherry Avenue and Hill Street.

Elizabeth Wise, Signal Hill resident addressed Council regarding the proposed electronic sign on the corner of Cherry Avenue and Hill Street.

Bruce Troupe, Signal Hill resident and Vice President of Harbor Lights Homeowners Association addressed Council regarding the proposed electronic sign on the corner of Cherry Avenue and Hill Street.

INTRODUCTION(S) AND PRESENTATION(S)

- a. Chief Langston introduced Signal Hill Police Sergeant Brian Leyn who gave a presentation on the Santa's Workshop recently held at Miller Children's Hospital.

City Council thanked the Police Department for working with Miller Children's Hospital.

- b. Mayor Hansen introduced Terri Marsh, new Finance Director for the City of Signal Hill.
- c. Mayor Hansen presented a proclamation to Maida Alcantara, retiring Finance Director for the City of Signal Hill.

Vice Mayor Noll left the Council Chamber at 7:16 p.m. and returned at 7:18 p.m.

City Council thanked Maida Alcantara, retiring Finance Director for the City of Signal Hill for her service to the city.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Public Hearing-Conditional Use Permit for Applebee's Restaurant and Bar at 899 E. Spring Street

City Clerk read the title and form of notice.

City Manager introduced the Community Development Director who presented the staff report.

Vice Mayor Noll left the Council Chamber at 7:40 p.m. and returned at 7:43 p.m.

Council Member Wilson asked about patio or outdoor seating. Community Development Director stated there would be no patio or outdoor seating.

Mayor Hansen confirmed with the Community Development Director the bar within the restaurant follows the Applebee's standard business model in all of their restaurants.

Mayor Hansen opened the public hearing at 7:53 p.m.

Mayor Hansen invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of the Conditional Use Permit to please come forward.

Jennifer Darr, a representative for Perkowitz & Ruth spoke in favor of the Conditional Use Permit and answered questions posed by Council Member Wilson regarding outdoor seating.

Robert Stewart, a representative for Signal Hill Petroleum spoke in favor of the Conditional Use Permit.

Jim O'Keefe, Real Estate Manager for Apple American spoke in favor of the Conditional Use Permit and asked questions posed by Council regarding patio or outdoor seating, the number of employees Applebee's would employ, the timeline, and community involvement.

Community Development Director commented on the outdoor seating issue.

Mayor Hansen invited anyone wishing to speak in opposition to the Conditional Use Permit to please come forward. There was no public comment.

Mayor Hansen closed the public hearing at 8:11 p.m.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and adopt the resolution approving Conditional Use Permit 12-03, a request to operate a restaurant and bar serving alcoholic beverages at 899 E. Spring Street in the SP-6, Commercial Corridor Specific Plan, zoning district.

Council Member Forester thanked Signal Hill Petroleum.

City Council gave final comments on the Applebee's Restaurant before voting.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2012-12-6000:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 12-03, A REQUEST TO OPERATE A RESTAURANT AND BAR SERVING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT 899 E. SPRING STREET IN THE SP-6, COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN, ZONING DISTRICT

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR HANSEN
 VICE MAYOR NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

b. Public Hearing-Conditional Use Permit for Wireless Telecommunications Facility at 2230 Lemon Avenue

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced the Community Development Associate Planner who presented the staff report.

Council Member Wilson asked about improving the coverage in Signal Hill. Community Development Associate Planner suggested the representative from Trillium Consulting is available to answer that question once the public hearing is opened.

Mayor Hansen opened the public hearing at 8:20 p.m.

Mayor Hansen invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of the Conditional Use Permit to please come forward.

Council Member Ward left the Council Chamber at 8:20 p.m. and returned at 8:22 p.m.

Scott Longhurst, representative for AT&T Mobility spoke in favor of the Conditional Use Permit and explained the coverage for Signal Hill.

City Council asked questions regarding the coverage, radius, and timeline for the process. Mr. Longhurst and Community Development Director addressed the questions.

Nancy Sciortino, Signal Hill resident spoke in favor of the Conditional Use Permit.

Mayor Hansen invited anyone wishing to speak in opposition to the Conditional Use Permit to please come forward. There was no public comment.

Mayor Hansen closed the public hearing at 8:30 p.m.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2012-12-6001 approving negative declaration 11/28/12(1), relative to Conditional Use Permit 12-02, a request to construct and operate a monopalm wireless telecommunications facility on a developed industrial site at 2230 Lemon Avenue in the LI, Light Industrial, zoning district and Resolution No. 2012-12-6002 approving Conditional Use Permit 12-02, a request to construct and operate a monopalm wireless telecommunications facility on a developed light industrial site at 2230 Lemon Avenue in the LI, Light Industrial, zoning district.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2012-12-6001:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING NEGATIVE DECLARATION 11/28/12(1), RELATIVE TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 12-02, A REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A MONOPALM WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT 2230 LEMON AVENUE IN THE LI, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL, ZONING DISTRICT

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2012-12-6002:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 12-02, A REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A MONOPALM WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT 2230 LEMON AVENUE IN THE LI, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL, ZONING DISTRICT

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR HANSEN
 VICE MAYOR NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. Resolution Authorizing Abatement of Nuisances at 1949 Orizaba Avenue

City Clerk read the form of notice.

City Manager introduced the Community Development Associate Planner who presented the staff report.

Mayor Hansen opened the public hearing at 8:36 p.m.

Mayor Hansen invited anyone wishing to speak in favor of or in opposition to the abatement to please come forward. There was no public comment.

Mayor Hansen closed the public hearing at 8:36 p.m.

City Council commented on the abatement.

Council Member Forester left the Council Chamber at 8:41 p.m. and returned at 8:44 p.m.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2012-12-6003 authorizing the City Manager to initiate abatement of nuisances at 1949 Orizaba.

City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2012-12-6003:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO INITIATE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES AT 1949 ORIZABA AVENUE.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR HANSEN
 VICE MAYOR NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

a. Preliminary Year-End Financial and Carryover Report for Fiscal Year 2011-2012

City Manager introduced the Finance Director who presented the staff report.

Vice Mayor Noll commented on the report and thanked the Finance Director for her service to the city.

Council Member Forester commented on a recent letter to the editor in the Signal Tribune regarding Sanitation District fees and thanked the Finance Director and staff for their hard work and dedication.

Council Member Wilson thanked the Finance Director for the report and her service to the city and commented on the budget and the importance of the reserves.

Council Member Ward thanked the Finance Director for the report and her service to the city.

Mayor Hansen asked about the transfer station fees from EDCO. City Manager addressed the question.

Mayor Hansen thanked the Finance Director for the report and the Signal Hill employees for doing more with less compensation.

City Treasurer commented on the Redevelopment Agency debt and suggested looking at different fund options.

City Manager and Council Member Wilson commented on the Redevelopment Agency debt and different fund options.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to approve the recommended adjustments contained within Exhibit "C" of the Preliminary Year-End and Carryover Report; approve the transfer of \$1,000,000 of the positive variance to the Economic Uncertainties Fund; receive and file the report.

Vice Mayor Noll left the Council Chamber at 9:22 p.m. and returned at 9:24 p.m.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: VICE MAYOR NOLL

ABSTAIN: NONE

b. Award of Contract for ADA Improvements and Traffic Signal Upgrades at Walnut Avenue and Willow Street Project, No. 616

City Manager introduced the Interim Public Works Director who presented the staff report.

Council Member Wilson asked about lighted crosswalks. Deputy City Manager addressed the question posed by Council Member Wilson.

Vice Mayor Noll confirmed with the Interim Public Works Director the residents in the area of Walnut Avenue and Willow Street would be contacted and notified of the project.

Council Member Wilson asked about remaining funds from the grant.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER to authorize the City Manager to award a contract for the ADA Improvements and Traffic Signal Upgrades at Walnut Avenue and Willow Street Project, No. 616, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to CMV Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$95,536.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR HANSEN
 VICE CHAIR NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Transmittal of the Civil Service Commission's Decision Regarding Reina Schaetzl's Disciplinary Appeal Hearing

Summary: The Signal Hill Civil Service Commission conducted the disciplinary appeal hearing of Ms. Reina Schaetzl on November 26, 2012 and November 28, 2012. Ms. Pam Lee, legal counsel for the Civil Service Commission, drafted the Commission's Order of Judgment and the Commission has approved and signed the same.

Recommendation: Review the Civil Service Commission's Order of Judgment and either 1) Receive and file the commission decision, or 2) Announce the Council's intent to review the commission's findings.

b. Resolution Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund

Summary: The City invests excess cash in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF). Pursuant to Section 16429.1 of the California Government Code, the City Council must authorize the officers making the deposits and withdrawals of City monies in LAIF.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2012-12-6004 authorizing investment of monies in the local agency investment fund.

c. Resolution Authorizing Signatories for Depository Services

Summary: The City uses a depository bank for its funds and checks or other orders for the payment, transfer or withdrawal of funds. The City Council must authorize the officers by title making the deposits and withdrawals of City monies in the City's depository bank. The City Clerk, as the certifying officer of the City, is authorized to certify the names of the specific individuals who are authorized to sign on behalf of the City and affix the City seal to the bank's depository service resolution.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2012-12-6005 authorizing signatories for depository services.

d. Agreement for Professional Services-Housing Element Update

Summary: The City Council will consider retaining the firm of Castaneda and Associates to prepare a Housing Element Update.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement for the Housing Element Update with Castaneda and Associates in the amount of \$24,000.

e. Schedule of Investments

Summary: The Schedule of Investments is a listing of all surplus funds invested for both the City and the Successor Agency of the former Redevelopment Agency as of the date shown on the report.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

f. Warrant Register Dated December 18, 2012

Summary: The Warrant Register is a listing of all general checks issued since the prior warrant register and warrants to be released upon City Council approval.

Recommendation: Authorize payment of Warrant Register dated December 18, 2012.

g. Minutes of the Following Meeting(s)

Regular Meeting of the City Council, December 4, 2012.

Recommendation: Approve.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to approve the Consent Calendar.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR HANSEN
 VICE MAYOR NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Forester thanked Better Balance Long Beach, the Long Beach Rescue Mission, First Congregational Church, and Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster and wife Nancy for the One Day Christmas Store-Shopping with Dignity.

Council Member Ward announced the Signal Hill Historical Society Christmas Dinner last Friday night and thanked the businesses that helped support the event: Signal Hill Petroleum, Shell Oil, Signal Hill Disposal, Aleshire & Wynder, Delius, and Mercedes Benz of Long Beach.

Council Member Forester apologized for not attending the Signal Hill Historical Society Christmas Party.

Council Member Wilson thanked Mercedes Benz of Long Beach and Long Beach Cadillac for providing the cars used in the recent local holiday parades.

Council Member Wilson announced the Martin Luther King Jr. parade is coming up and Chief Langston is invited to participate.

Council Member Wilson announced he participated in the Daisy Lane Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 8th.

Council Member Wilson wished everyone a very happy holiday season.

Vice Mayor Noll thanked Ellen for cooking the dinner for the Signal Hill Historical Society Christmas Party.

Vice Mayor Noll announced he attended the Brown Bag Christmas Party for the seniors and thanked the Community Services Department for doing such a great job.

Vice Mayor Noll announced he attended the Long Beach Airport passenger concourse ribbon cutting ceremony.

Council Member Forester commented on the wonderful gingerbread houses Rossmoor Pastries has prepared for the holidays.

Vice Mayor Noll wished everyone a very happy holiday and happy new year.

Council Member Ward announced she also attended the Long Beach Airport passenger concourse ribbon cutting ceremony.

Mayor Hansen asked about the status of Fresh & Easy. City Manager updated Council on the status of Fresh & Easy.

Mayor Hansen asked about the status of the 99¢ Store. Community Development Director announced the grand opening date will be announced in the near future.

Mayor Hansen invited Chief Langston to please come forward to report on the date of the grand opening for the new police station.

Chief Langston announced the date for the grand opening of the new police station has been changed to Saturday, January 26th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Noll asked Chief Langston about safety in our schools in light of the recent shooting in Connecticut.

Chief Langston announced local schools have safety plans in place.

Council Member Forester thanked Chief Langston for sitting in on the Mayors Against Guns conference call.

Mayor Hansen announced the Christmas Tree Recycling Program will be held on Friday, December 28th and Friday, January 4th. Put your undecorated tree out to the curb for pickup. Remove tree stands. For additional information please call (562) 597-0608.

Mayor Hansen announced there is a one day delay for trash pickup scheduled on Christmas Day and New Years Day. Please call (562) 597-0608 for additional information.

Mayor Hansen announced street sweeping is cancelled for December 25th and January 1st.

Mayor Hansen announced tonight's meeting will be adjourned in memory of George Papadakis, former Signal Hill Council Member.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by VICE MAYOR NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER WARD to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of George Papadakis, former Signal Hill Council Member to the next regular meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR HANSEN
 VICE MAYOR NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD
 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR HANSEN adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Tina L. Hansen
Mayor

Attest:

Kathleen L. Pacheco
City Clerk